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TO THE USSR

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1. REF A REQUESTS AVAILABLE DETAILS
ON HUNGARIAN MEAT,
MEAT PRODUCTS AND POULTRY EXPORTS TO SOVIET UNION FOR PERIOD
1972-1976.

2. BREADOWN FOR 1972-1975:
HUNGARIAN MEAT AND POULTRY EXPORTS TO THE SOVIET UNION

	1972	1973	1974	1975
SLAUGHTERED BEEF AND				
VEAL -- TONS	1657	1846	7944	43082
SLAUGHTERED PORK --				
TONS	3928	2009	40048	6783

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MEAT ORGANS -- TONS - - 59 64

DRY SAUSAGE -- TONS	71	18	17	18
SALAMI -- TONS	269	550	190	223
EDIBLE PIG FAT 7- TONS	269	757	759	869
SLAUGHTERED POULTRY --				
TONS	19013	20409	32262	36044
LIVE CATTLE				
AND VEAL -- TONS	-	-	36075	70968
BREEDING PIGS -- EACH	-	-	95	145
DAY-OLD CHICKS --				
THOUSANDS	1233	1426	1289	1932

3. DATA FOR 1976 WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL ANNUAL FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS APPEAR IN JULY OR AUGUST OF 1977. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ROMANY NOTED IN MAY PRESS CONFERENCE (REF C) THAT THE NEW HUNGARIAN-SOVIET RAW MATERIALS AGREEMENT CALLS FOR SHIPMENT BY HUNGARY TO USSR OF 32,000 TONS OF SLAUGHTERED CATTLE AND 18,500 TONS OF BEEF (EVIDENTLY PROCESSED) ANNUALLY DURING 1976-80 PERIOD. HUNGARIAN STATISTICS DO NOT REPORT ACTUAL NUMBER OF LIVE CATTLE SHIPPED, BUT IN OCTOBER 1975 ECONOMIC DAILY VILAGGAZDASAG REPORTED THAT HUNGARY EXPORTED 67,000 HEAD OF CATTLE TO USSR IN 1974 FOLLOWING EC BEEF BAN, AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE TOTAL WOULD REACH 130,000 HEAD DURING 1975. NINETY PERCENT WERE FATTENED BULLS THE REMAINING 10 PERCENT HEIFERS. VILAGGAZDASAG ALSO POINTED OUT THE SIGNIFICANT TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS INVOLVED. ACCORDING TO VILAGGAZDASAG MOST SHIPMENTS WERE DESTINED FOR MOSCOW AND MOLDAVIA, BUT REGULAR CONSIGNMENTS WERE SENT TO GRUZIA AND THE UKRAINE. NEW RAW MATERIALS AGREEMENT DOES NOT CALL FOR SHIPMENT OF HUNGARIAN ANIMALS.

4. EFFECT OF EC BEEF BAN IS EVIDENT FROM TABLE IN PARA 2 ABOVE, AS IS DECLINE IN PORK PRODUCTION WHICH BEGAN IN 1975. REF B REPORTED USSR PRESSURE ON GOH FOR NEW LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH HUNGARIANS WOULD AGREE TO SHIP ADDITIONAL 200,000 HEAD OF LIVE CATTLE ANNUALLY. EMBASSY NOTED THAT GOH TRYING TO AVOID THIS LONG-TERM COMMITMENT, HOPING THE EC MARKET WILL ONCE AGAIN OPEN UP.

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